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TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM REINHARDT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: ANGLO-AMERICAN LETTERS TO THE
FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS

REF: GENEVA 9597

1. ROB YOUNG, RICHARD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, CALLED
TO SAY THAT RICHARD HAD GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO A
SERIES OF CALLAGHAN AND KISSINGER LETTERS TO THE FRONT
LINE PRESIDENTS.

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2. YOUNG SAID THAT CROSLAND PLANNED TO ANSWER A QUESTION

IN PARLIAMENT ON DEC. 2 ON THE DEFINITION OF A BRITISH
ROLE IN RHODESIA DURING TRANSITION. HE SAID THAT THE
ANSWER WOULD BE A PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF BRITISH
INTENTIONS BUT WOULD NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN BRITISH
POLICY SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE POINTS KAUNDA AND
NYERERE HAVE RAISED IN THEIR RECENT EXCHANGES WITH
CALLAGHAN (WE HAVE NOT SEEN THESE EXCHANGES BUT ASSUME
YOU HAVE).

3. SINCE LONDON'S THINKING ON BRITISH RESPONSIBILITIES
IS STILL EVOLVING, WHITEHALL AND WESTMINSTER MIGHT
CONCLUDE THAT CALLAGHAN LETTERS TO THE FRONT LINE
PRESIDENTS WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS POINT. AN
UNSATISFACTORY DEFINITION OF BRITISH RESPONSIBILITIES
WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENTS FURTHER REASON TO BE
ARGUMENTATIVE. ACCORDING TO YOUNG, RICHARD CONTINUES
TO BELIEVE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF VIEWS IS REQUIRED NOW
BUT THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH LONDON
ON THE TIMING OF THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION. CATTO

UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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